

Montana Communicable Disease Weekly Update: 06/11/10



DISEASE INFORMATION

Summary – Week 23 - Ending 6/12/10 – Disease reports received at DPHHS during the reporting period June 6-11, 2010 included the following:

- Vaccine Preventable Diseases: invasive *Haemophilus influenza* (1), Pertussis (5), invasive *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (2), Varicella (10)
- Enteric Diseases: Campylobacteriosis (4), Cryptosporidiosis (1), *E. coli* 0157 (2), Giardiasis (4), Salmonellosis (5)
- Other Conditions: Aseptic meningitis (1), Animal Rabies (2), Legionellosis (1), Tetanus (1)
- Travel Related Conditions: None

NOTE: The report has multiple pages reflecting the following information: (1) vaccine preventable and enteric diseases YTD; (2) other communicable diseases YTD; (3) cases just this week; (4) clusters and outbreaks; and (5) an STD summary.

THE "BUZZ"

Pertussis – There have been 14 reported cases of pertussis in 2010 to date, 9 occurring since mid-May. Please remind providers to "think pertussis" and PCR test for this. Most recent cases have occurred in Lewis & Clark and Yellowstone counties.

Rabies – Two cases of animal rabies have been detected during the last few weeks – a horse in Yellowstone County and a bat in Treasure County. Yellowstone County is now under quarantine effective June 3 for 60 days. (

<http://liv.mt.gov/liv/news/2010/20100608.asp>)

INFORMATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NEW! The ABCs of Hepatitis – This helpful fact sheet from the CDC for professionals has been updated.

<http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/Resources/Professionals/PDFs/ABCTable.pdf> (color)

http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/Resources/Professionals/PDFs/ABCTable_BW.pdf (black & white)

NEW! One Needle, One Syringe, Only One Time – This campaign led by CDC and the Safe Injection Practices Coalition (SIPC) is intended to raise awareness among patients and healthcare providers about safe injection practices and to eradicate outbreaks resulting from unsafe practices. Since 1999, more than 125,000 patients in the United States have been notified of potential exposure to hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and HIV due to lapses in basic infection control practices. For more info, visit: <http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org>.

Hepatitis C Education – Two FREE one day trainings on hepatitis C will be offered in Billings (July 27th) and Helena (July 29th) by the Hepatitis C. Information is attached.

24/7 AVAILABILITY

The Communicable Disease Epidemiology program is available 24 hours a day/7days a week/365 days a year. Please call 406.444.0273 if you need immediate communicable disease epidemiology assistance. The answering service will take a message and we will return the call as quickly as possible.

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